

## Spy Service

### Sabbath

**Do** Do this week's activity on page 10.

*When have you felt called by God to do something that required you to be more brave than you felt? Maybe it was something small but it still required courage on your part. Imagine being asked to be a spy. (See Numbers 13; Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 387-389.)*



Moses studied the 12 men standing before him. He had selected them carefully—one from each of the 12 tribes. His craggy face suddenly crinkled into a smile. "It's time!" he exclaimed. His eyes shone. "And you 12 will be the first!"

Caleb took a deep breath. He could hardly believe that he was one of the chosen ones. He would be one of the very first Israelites to set foot in the wonderful new land that the Lord had promised to give them. "Oh, thank You, Lord, for this great favor," he prayed silently.

### Sunday

**Read** Read "Spy Service."

**Learn** Begin to learn the power text.

**Sing** Sing "You Are My Hiding Place" or another song of trust in God.

**Pray** Ask God to show you ways to serve Him, even if it is risky for you.

# ONE

## POWER POINT

We  
can face risks  
with courage when  
we serve God.

### POWER TEXT

"Then Caleb silenced  
the people before Moses and  
said, 'We should go up and  
take possession of the land,  
for we can certainly do it'"

(Numbers 13:30, NIV).

All 12 men listened attentively to Moses' instructions. "I want you to head north into the land of Canaan," he said. "Then go on up into the hill country. See what the land is like. See how many people there are and if they live in towns or in walled cities. See if the soil is good for growing crops. See if there are forests. And," he added, "be sure to bring back some of the fruit that grows there."

#### Monday

**Read** Read Numbers 13:1-25.

**List** List the names of the spies.

**Solve** Solve the rebus to discover  
another term for *spies*:

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**Pray** Pray that you will be willing to  
serve God however He asks you to.

The men agreed together that they should leave before the sun came up in the morning. Then they hurried back to their tents to say goodbye to their families and get a little rest. It turned out to be almost impossible to rest, however. Friends and neighbors and relatives, bursting with curiosity, all wanted to talk about the spies' mission. "What do you suppose the land is like?" they asked. "What do you think you'll find?"

Stars were still hanging in the sky when the spies left camp the next morning. They began to hike north in the pitchy darkness. They had a lot of territory to cover to complete their assignment.

The spies discovered that the land of Canaan was rich and beautiful. "Look at those pasturelands," Caleb exulted. "Our flocks and herds will grow fat here and prosper."

The spies learned that Canaan had abundant water. There were plentiful forests where timber could be cut. They found that the land was big, the cities were big, and some of the people were big too. In fact, they discovered giants living in the city of Hebron.

### Tuesday

**Read** Read Numbers 13:26-33.

**Create** Make an acrostic for the word SERVE.

Relate it to this week's lesson (example: E can stand for "Explored the land").

**Share** Share the "symbol" you made during Sabbath School with someone today, or make a picture symbol representing your service to God (like a picture of two men carrying grapes on a pole).

**Learn** Memorize the power text.

**Pray** Pray that you will courageously follow God.



**Wednesday**

**Ask** Ask an adult about a time when they felt God calling them to take a risk in serving Him.

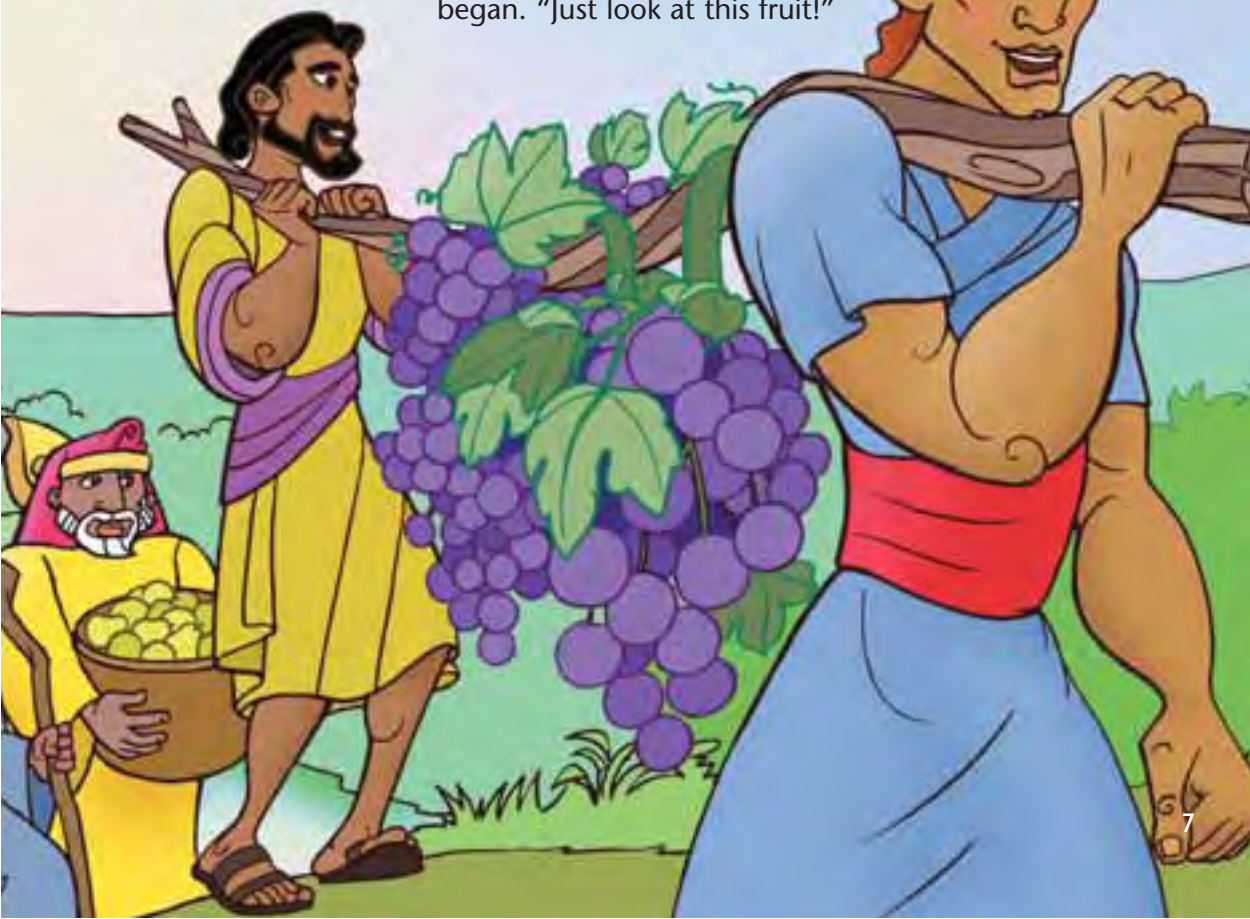
**Plan** Plan a service project you can do this week that involves taking you out of your comfort zone.

**Think** Think about what feelings you have when you feel called to do something that makes you take a risk.

**Pray** Pray that God will give you peace when asked to serve Him.

The spies spent 40 days in the land of Canaan and then returned to report their findings to Moses. The men remembered that he had told them to bring some fruit back with them, so they brought a bunch of grapes they were certain would impress him. The single bunch was so heavy that it took two of the men to carry it on a pole between them! They also brought back golden-red pomegranates with hard rinds, and sweet figs.

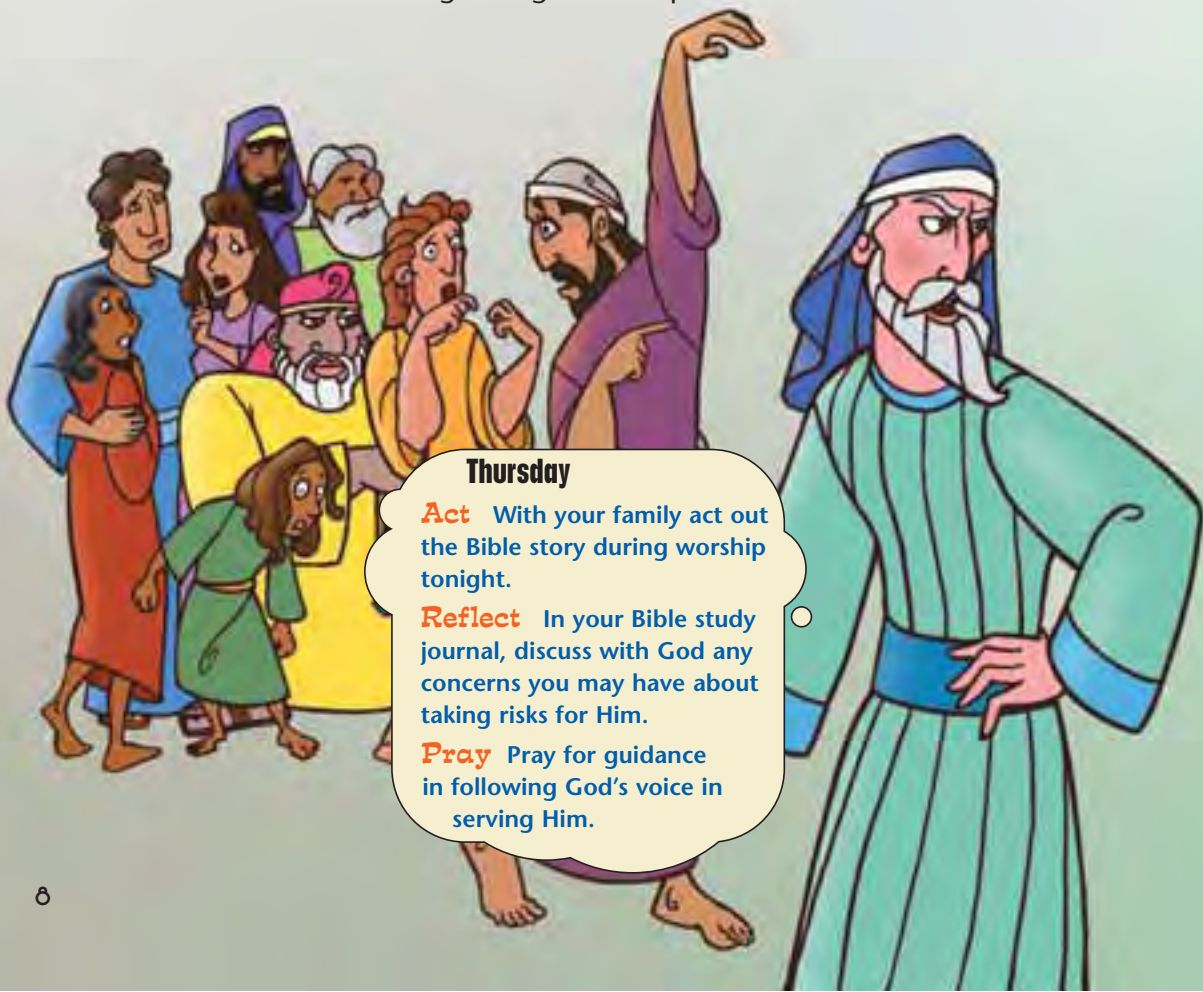
The whole camp gathered to hear the spies' report. "It's a rich and fertile land!" Shammua began. "Just look at this fruit!"



"The people of Canaan are incredibly powerful," Nahbi jumped in. "They live in large, well-fortified cities. They are prepared to defend themselves and their homes. And some of the people living in the land are actually giants!"

The entire camp had been listening carefully to the spies' report. They were awed by the fruit the spies had returned with. But at the news of well-guarded cities and powerful people (not to mention giants!), they began to mutter, and murmur, and complain. "Why did Moses bring us out here to die?" they wailed.

Caleb listened to the multitude's mood turn ugly. He stepped forward. "Wait a minute!" he shouted. "God is able to do this for us! We should head out now and enter this land. We should attack now! God will make us strong enough to conquer it!"



### Thursday

**Act** With your family act out the Bible story during worship tonight.

**Reflect** In your Bible study journal, discuss with God any concerns you may have about taking risks for Him.

**Pray** Pray for guidance in following God's voice in serving Him.

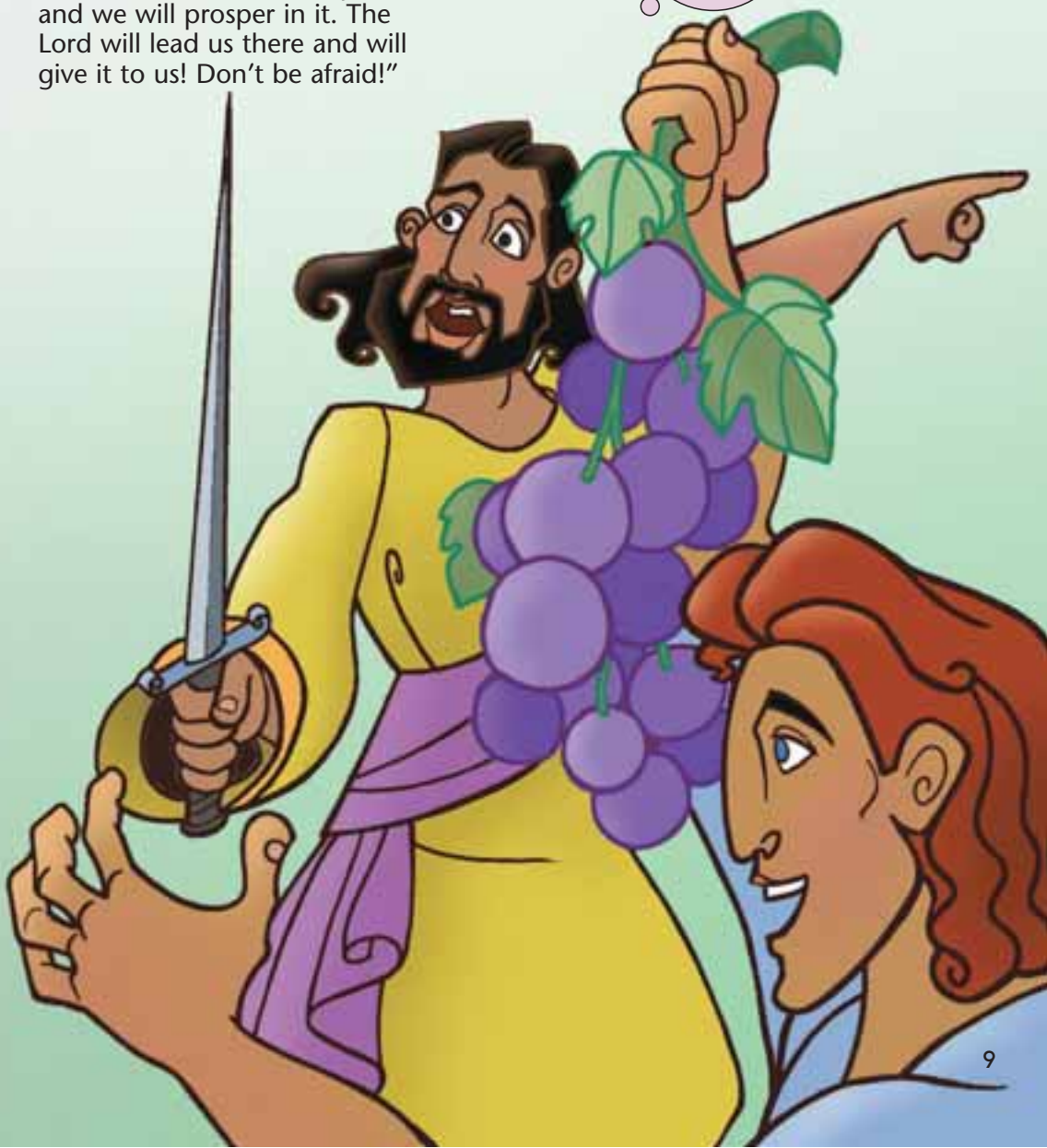
**Friday**

**Imagine** Imagine that you are one of the spies. Write a letter home to your family describing what you have experienced and how you feel.

**Review** Repeat the power text.

**Pray** Thank God for using you to serve Him.

Joshua strode forward and stood beside Caleb in agreement. "It's a beautiful land!" he cried out. "It flows with milk and honey, and we will prosper in it. The Lord will lead us there and will give it to us! Don't be afraid!"

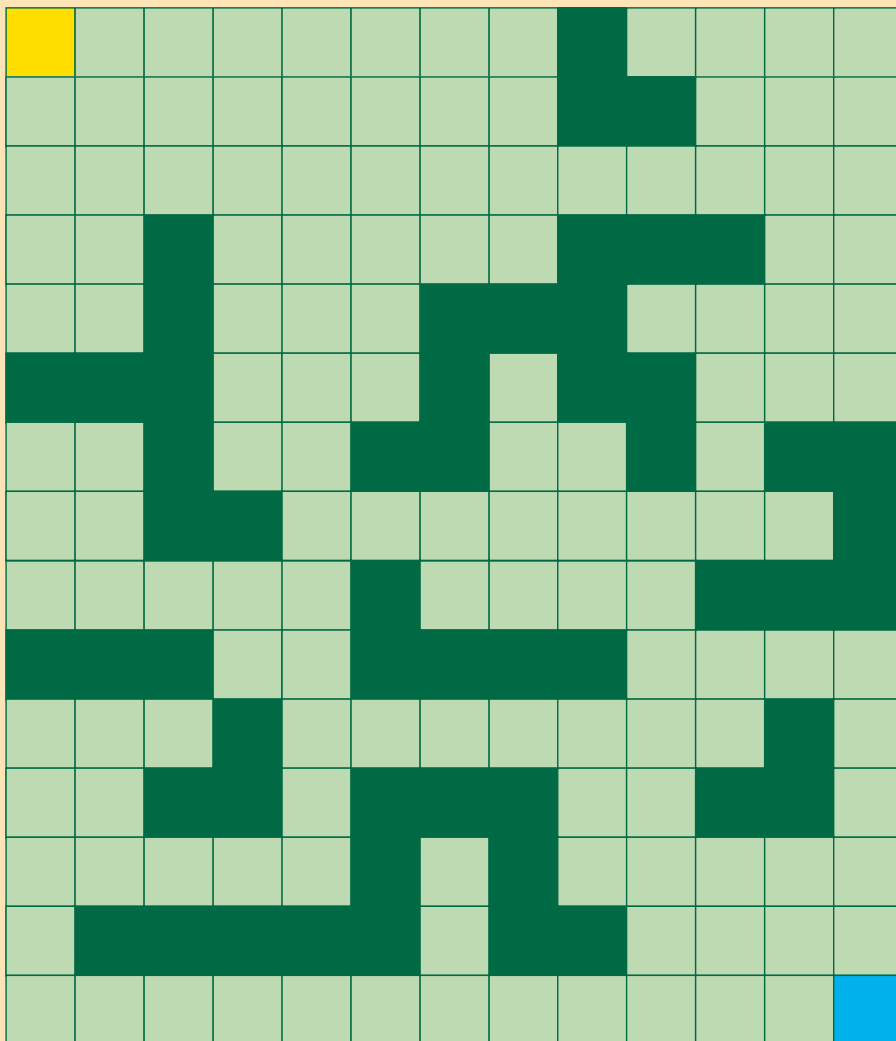




## Trust in Jesus

**Instructions:** Start at the yellow square and fit this Bible verse in the grid, one letter to a square. Lay the letters in the grid in a straight line (either forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally), changing direction only between words. Keep the first letter of one word adjacent to (next to) the last letter of the previous word. Do not put a letter in a dark green square. Finish at the blue square.

**"ANYONE WHO TRUSTS IN HIM WILL NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME" (Romans 10:11, NIV).**



# Whistle While You Work

**Instructions:** Follow around clockwise, picking one word from each section on each pass, and read out a Bible verse that gives us a good attitude. Not all the words are used.

